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EASTER BUNNY VISITS MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT!!

The legendary Easter Bunny showed up on April 9 at the Venice Beach/Easter Bowl Mixed Doubles to assist in running [hopping?] the tournament. She handed out Boost Nutritional Drink, Toyota certificates, Bugs Bunny [what else?] toothbrushes to the kids in the junior clinic and everyone had an opportunity to get his or her picture taken with this hip-hop bunny!

We want to congratulate USPTA/WPTA members who were winners in this tournament: C Division; 2nd place: JoAnn Sawyer & Tom Brandt; 3rd place: Courtney White & partner; B Division; 1st place: Nami Mun & Matt Stillman; 2nd place: Jon Miller & Helen Murphy;

A Division: 1st place: Sharon Gallant & partner; 2nd place: Lucy Taylor & Jeff Matsumura;
Open Division: 1st place: Denise Yogi & Lance Tepper; and 2nd place: Jamie Gross & partner.
 See insert for list of Men/Women Doubles Winners of March 25-26.

// SOUTH END OPEN //

**SOUTH END OPEN—
 MEN/WOMEN'S EVENT IN MAY**

We forgot to include the South Bay Open Men/Women's Doubles Tournament in the last month's newsletter.
 [Met Culpa!]
 This event is scheduled for May 20-21 and will be held at the South End Health & Racquet Club, 2800 Sky Park Dr., Torrance, CA.
 Any and all are welcome!
 Contact:
 Hoosh Nader at [310] 530-0630.



PADDLE TENNIS TIMES

ANNOUNCING MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!
 In honor of our new membership dates [see March newsletter], and to attract new members, we are announcing a 3-month contest! (Now until July 31.) For every 2 new members you bring into the USPTA/WPTA, you will receive 1/4 off of your annual membership: A savings of \$10! We will be including membership forms in next month's newsletter with a space to show your sponsorship of new members. Remember: If you're not a member, we can't keep track of your ranking or your points!

WANTED!
Members for Rules & Membership/Newsletter Committees!
 If you like to write and/or edit articles, have always harbored a secret desire to be a lawyer [?] or are just plain good at organizing, we want you!

We need people for 2 new committees forming for the purpose of handling our growing membership and to contribute articles to the PADDLE TENNIS NEWS. We are also forming a rules committee to update and reissue the rules. *Todd Murphy*, S. California Section, has agreed to go over the rule book and submit →

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a list of what he thinks are "problem or question areas":

- Please contact **Erin Hemenway** at [310] 826-3240 or **Mike Corbett** at [707] 585-7995 if you'd like to join one of these groups. The first meetings are tentatively scheduled for early June.

BEST TOURNEY SCHEDULE IN YEARS!

By **Mike Corbett**, President, USPTA

Review the tournament schedule that we sent you last month, and you'll find that the tournament player will enjoy one of the best schedules in years. As an example of the good things in store, even the **Easter Bunny** played at Venice Beach!

Some of the great events in the near future: **The National Singles Championships** May 6-7, at Venice Beach California; **Bill Brothers' second annual National Clay Court Championships** at St. Augustine Beach, Florida over Memorial Day weekend; **Florida's Harbor Family Fun Tournament** in Orange Park and the **South End Open** May 20-21 in Torrance. Later in the year, two **Grand Slam** events are scheduled for the east and west coasts culminating in the **Toyota National Doubles** at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey [GCS give bonus points.] Any and all of these tournaments should prove well worth your time whether you pick up one of the prizes at the Murray Geller Memorial Event in New York June 6-7; a great trophy at one of the oldest tournaments in paddle tennis at the **Culver City, CA** June 12-13 Open or maybe take the family to historic Charleston, SC for **South Carolina's State Championships**. Whatever you fancy, we have a full schedule and I urge you to bring your friends, relatives and whoever else you can get your hands on, and participate. See you on the courts!

Mike



→ Paddle Tennis on the Internet!
by **Phil Ender**, USPTA Statistician

The Internet is the hottest thing around so it was bound to happen sooner or later—Paddle Tennis is now on the Internet. In particular, there is a World Wide Web home page that is chock full of paddle tennis news, tournament schedules and results, court locations and much, much more!

The World Wide Web, or just **Web** for short, is a system for transmitting and displaying interactive text and graphics over the Internet. Reading a Web page is a lot like reading a magazine except that it's interactive. For example, on the Paddle Tennis Web page there is an entry that says "1994 Final Rankings." If you click your mouse on that line, the screen will display the 1994 Final Rankings. If you click on "1995 Tournament Schedule" you will see this year's tournament schedule. All of the information on the Paddle Tennis Web page is up-to-the-minute, with tournament results and rankings updated the day results arrive. This means that you can get information immediately. *Remember, you must be a USPTA/PTTA member for us to "track" your ranking—Editor!*

How do you access the Paddle Tennis Web page? Well, unfortunately, it's not the easiest thing to do. You have to be somewhat more than computer literate—say, bordering on computer domineering. It also helps if you know someone that is knowledgeable in networking and installing network software.

Basically, you will need four things to access the World Wide Web: [1] a computer—a Macintosh, a PC running Windows or a UNIX workstation; [2] Access to the Internet (dial-up access through a service provider, dial-up access through a University or direct Internet connection where you work.) [3] A World Wide browser such as Mosaic or Netscape (both are available free in the Internet) for viewing Web pages. [4] The address of the Paddle Tennis Web page [http://www.gcs.ca.edu/ender/phil]. Watch out! The periods and slashes in the address are important.

Work on UCLA and have a direct Internet connection at work. UCLA provides me with dial-up network access. Local service providers are charging between 20-50 dollars a month for Internet access. If you use dial-up access, you must also have a modem. I suggest a modem that runs at least 14,400 BAUD or faster. I recently bought a 28,800 BAUD for about \$250.

I hope that some of you will be able to check out our new Paddle Tennis Web page soon! In the future, access to the Web will become easier [information superhighway and all that!] I also hope that the Paddle Tennis Web page will introduce new people to this great sport. Since January, several hundred people from various places such as Finland, Great Britain and across the United States have accessed the Paddle Tennis Web page. Hope to hear from some of you readers soon!

NEW YORK REGION-

Steve Lally, President

PT Courts in New York

Supertown	Manhatten	6 courts
East River Park	Manhatten	7 courts
Park West HS	Manhatten	3 courts
JFK HS	Manhatten	9 courts
Sageat	Brooklyn	2 courts
Brighton Bhs	Brooklyn	18 courts*
W. 17th St.	Brooklyn	3 courts
Barr Park	Brooklyn	4 courts
John Dewey HS	Brooklyn	6 courts
East Park	Brooklyn	4 courts
Jane Beach	Kew-Forest	2 courts*
Chin Moly PK	Pt. Washington	2 courts

*Some courts smaller than regulation. Remember: they don't use the restraining line in NY.

MINNESOTA REGION-

Paul Kelly, President

Minnesota is looking forward to not having to host more of its courts [they're getting indoor ones!] in the meantime, it's still winter there and probably will be until the 4th of July.

HE KINDA LIKED PADDLE TENNIS?

"I had been rummaging through the ragged sports, playing and discarding them one by one. Then I was invited to play paddle tennis at 10 minutes I in lower Manhattan. In 20 minutes, I learned to play. In 30 minutes, no other racket sport mattered!"

Jim Kaplan, "As I Did It."

Sports Illustrated, October 9, 1978.

FLORIDA REGION- Ten Hall, President
FLORIDA TO HOST
JAPANESE PADDLE TENNIS PLAYERS!

Yes, you read that right! USPTA-Florida in conjunction with the USPTA is welcoming a group of Japanese paddle tennis players. This event is one of many international events held in conjunction with the Atlanta Summer Olympics.

Date: Williams, USPTA Board of Directors member, long time paddle tennis player, enthusiast and organizer, will lead the US players [all of whom are from Florida]. Date also serves as St. John's County Assistant Recreation Director and has helped get a number of courts constructed in the St. Augustine area.

We will be hosting the Japanese players in that area and will gather local players to participate in the sport of paddle tennis. The USPTA & USPTA Florida look forward to sharing the game with our international partners and to participating in this exchange!

To: Mike Corbett

Dear Mike,
I have become involved in my sons' base ball league and now serve as the President of the League. Manager of one my son's teams and coach of my younger son's team. I still play Paddle Tennis a couple of times a month but a couple of years ago, I joined a Tennis Club and play several times a week.

I hope the merger with the Women's Paddle Tennis Association helps to stimulate more interest in Paddle Tennis and revitalizes the Association. It will probably be in the best interest of the Association that my position is replaced by someone more involved and therefore, I will tender my resignation as a Director of the USPTA effective immediately. I have boxes of rule books and brochures stored and would be happy to turn those over. . . You are welcome to have access to my Paddle Tennis videos that I have obtained over the past twenty years.

Very truly yours,
Greg Stansone [Greg Lawrence]

I want to wish Greg the best of luck and thank him for all his hours of hard work on behalf of paddle tennis. His dedication to paddle tennis has been tireless-
Mike Corbett

Paddle Tennis Corner

This month: The Receiving Team

One aspect of great doubles teams is that each player has the ability to hit shots in coordination of his/her partner. If one player on a team keeps playing all the points, something is very wrong! The great doubles players not only know his/her job, but they know the functions of their partner as well. In this month's paddle tennis corner, we'll discuss the roles of the receiving team.

THE RECEIVING PLAYER GET YOUR RETURN IN PLAY!

- If you return the serve into the net or out, you can never win the point—you gotta get the point started!
1. Return most serves as low as you can and leave the middle. If you do this successfully, you will be able to cover most of the court. If you play to return wide cross-court, your partner as most of the returning volleys will be within his/her reach.
 2. Watch for the short serve as you can usually take this ball and move toward the net. All successful teams want to get to the net as soon as possible!
 3. Never relax your paddle. Always be prepared to hit all balls, never allowing yourself to be distracted by your partner or your opponent's movement.
 4. Never hurry your first volley. There is no value in rushing your volley in order to prevent a ball from bouncing when a good back-volley will prepare you for a winning volley on the next ball.

THE RECEIVER'S PARTNER:

BE ACTIVE!
When playing in the position of the receiver's partner, always be ready to peack [pick off the high return]. This is the time to play aggressively and take an active role in breaking the service of your opponents and winning the game for your team. Good partners tell each other what they plan

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